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Employee Suggestion [REDACTED]

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1. The matter of publishing information on 5x8 cards, one item to a card, instead of in periodic reports including many items, is too complicated to permit quick decision, and too long-standing to credit any one person with raising it.

2. Involved are: preferences of users (one of our three areas strongly favors, one opposes, and one favors conditionally); extra scanning jobs (one or two more people would be needed to sort cards in the ORR reading panel); recoverability of information (with no subject control by item in central index, chronological searching is easier by periodical than by cards in serial, not necessarily chronological, order).

3. Long ago Army published reports with a 5x8 cut-out summary on the first page. The desirability of all, not only [REDACTED] FDD, material on 5x8's has been under discussion in this Office for well over a year.

4. Therefore we don't recommend an award for this suggestion, either now or later in case it is decided to issue FDD and/or other material on 5x8 cards.

5. A copy of this comment goes to OO, who asked our opinion on number [REDACTED] a similar suggestion.

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